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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: MICRO-MECHANICAL DEVICE COMPRISING A SUSPENDED ELEMENT WHICH IS CONNECTED TO A SUPPORT BY MEANS OF A PIER, AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

In reply to the February 18 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species VI, Figure 19, with traverse. Applicants further assert that all claims 1-10 read on the elected species.

However, this Election of Species Requirement is strongly traversed since it is contrary to PCT rules, which are applicable in this National Phase application. For example, Article 27 of the Patent Corporation Treaty requires that: "no national law shall require compliance with requirements relating to the form or contents of the international application different from or in addition to those which are provided for in this Treaty and the regulations."

Further, PCT Rule 13 requires that claims that encompass one single general inventive concept be searched and examined in the same international application. For example, PCT